

The answer of Frances Dares William Dares Isabella Dares Susan Dares & Bema Dares infants under the age of 21 years by Isabella Dares - their guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Charles E Worthington against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a court of Equity exhibited These defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the said bill and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court

to be signed by guardian

Isabella Dares

On this third day of September in the year 1857 before us the commissioners appear the above named Isabella Dares The guardian by us appointed and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge

Ezekiel Hughes
Anthony Foyde

To the Honorable Madison Nelson Circuit Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit of the state of Maryland The subscribers Commissioners named in the aforesaid commission hereby certify that the execution of the powers thereby vested in us We did on the third day of September in the year 1857 proceed to the dwelling house of Isabella Dares - in Georgetown District of Columbia where Francis Dares Will iam Dares Isabella Dares Susan Dares and Bema Dares the infants named in said commission then were and caused the said infants to be brought before us and them and there in the presence of the said infants affigned and appointed the said Isabella Dares of the District of Columbia guardian to said infants and took the answer of said infants by their said guardian and under the oath of said guardian by us administered to the Bill of Complaint in said commissioners mentioned which said answer with said commission is herewith returned closed under our hands and seals this third day of September in the year 1857

Ezekiel Hughes *(real)*
Anthony Foyde *(real)*

The State of Maryland To Ezekiel Hughes Francis Dodge Anthony Foyde Esqr *(Seal)* of the District of Columbia Greeting Whereas Charles E Worthington has lately exhibited his Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County setting as a court of Equity against Thomas Dares and others and whereas I have by my writ lately commanded the said defendants to appear before me in said Court as a Court of Equity at a certain day now fixed to answer the said Bill of Complaint but for as much as the said Francis Dares William Dares Isabella Dares Susan Dares and Bema Dares are infants under age cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit without having a guardian affigned on that behalf Command therefore that I have given unto you full power and authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court to affign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants and to take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint and therefore command you that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit you go to the said defendants if they cannot conveniently come to you and affign to appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants and take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to the Bill of Complaint on such guardian Corporal Oath upon the Holy Evangelist to be administered by you the said answer being distinctly and plainly wrote and when you shall have so taken the said answer you are to send the same closed up under your seal together with your Certificate of your having affigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid and the Court

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